



TAXICAB DRIVER'S NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2009

**PLEASE
DRIVE
CAREFULLY!**

FINGERPRINT CARDS

Fingerprint cards can only be picked up at the Taxicab Office.

Taxicab Stands

Please make sure to stay within the limits of the taxicab stands. If you are observed waiting outside the signs you will be ticketed.

2008 PVL AWARDS

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Action Taxi – 9
Regency Cab – 25
Sun Cab - 18



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**Daylight savings
time begins
Sunday, March 8,
2009. Turn your
clocks ahead 1
hour.**

TIPS TO AVOIDING A REAR-END COLLISION

Do not follow the vehicle ahead of you too closely.

Do not slam on your brakes, slow down to allow those behind you time to stop.

Stay alert to all traffic signals

Pay close attention when in high traffic areas.

Look ahead for problems so you have time to react.

Avoid using your cell phone while driving.



Rear-end collisions are the most reported accidents to the taxicab regulation office.

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Snow and ice

- Remember bridges and overpasses always freeze first, so slow down and avoid sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Keep windows free of precipitation – keep window washer fluid tank full
- Keep your speed slow and steady - but not too slow, this may cause your vehicle to get stuck in deeper snow.
- Do not brake abruptly this can cause brake lock-up and cause you to lose steering control.
- To use your Antilock Brakes correctly, apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal.
- If you get stuck in snow, straighten the wheels and accelerate slowly. Try not to spin the tires. It may be helpful to use sand under the drive wheels.

ROBBERIES

There has been an increase in reported taxicab robberies and assaults. Please look over the following list of suggestions you can use to reduce your potential risk.

Safety tips to reduce or prevent taxicab robberies

- Be alert and aware of what is going on around you.
- Do not work if you are fatigued or tired.
- Limit cash on hand to less than \$50.00.
- Keep a cell phone with you.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- If you feel threatened go to a safe area.
- Give robbers what they want, money can be replaced you cannot be replaced!
- Take note of the passengers in your taxicab – be able to describe people.